

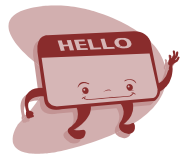


Knowledge is Power!



The Fairfax County Police Department is hosting a crime prevention event that is sponsored by many partners such as the Virginia Crime Prevention Association, Help Eliminate Auto Theft and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office to name a few. This is an opportunity for all communities to create secure environments for your home, business or neighborhood. Along with our traditional community news and traffic tips, this publication has been dedicated to our Neighborhood and Business Watches.

On **Saturday, March 15th**, Watch members will have an opportunity to attend workshops pertaining to safety on many levels. You will meet police officers and other Watch members from communities throughout Virginia. It's a great learning and networking!



Then, on **Sunday, March 16th**, law enforcement agencies from all across Virginia will take part in an open house just for you. You may talk safety with exhibitors and different specialty groups. This Sunday "Meet and Greet" is an opportunity for adults and children of all ages to meet officers and see their vehicles, horses, and K-9s and learn about safety concerns such as strangers, driving, and intoxication to name a few. All presentations are light-hearted and fun ways to touch your families' lives in a positive way. Read on for more information on both events!

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Events of Interest

- *Neighborhood Watch Conference, March 15th*
- *Crime Prevention Open House, March 16th*
- *St. Patrick's Day, March 17th*
- *First Day of Spring, March 20th*
- *Easter Day, March 23rd*
- *NW and CAC Meeting, March 25th*



Don't Fall Prey to a Robber!



Developing skills that strengthen your personal safety help you avoid becoming a victim of crime.

■ Be aware of what is happening around you. You are more likely to become a victim if you aren't paying attention to your surroundings.

■ Always trust your first instincts. When you observe suspicious people or events do not doubt your feelings; trust them.

- Project an air of confidence . Gain the psychological advantage over would-be attackers. Keep your head up and know where you are going.
- Try to avoid putting yourself in dangerous situations such as elevators, parking lots and parking garages when suspicious persons are present.
- There is safety in numbers. Whenever possible, be with other people.
- Have a plan of action. Don't jeopardize your safety for material items.
- Have a cell phone with you to call for help. Make it easily accessible.
- Carry a whistle to make noise to alert others that you may be in trouble.
- Do not carry large sums of money or display cash. Avoid carrying a purse whenever possible. If you carry a purse, hold it firmly in front of you.
- If approached by a car and you perceive a threat, reverse direction and watch the car's occupants.
- Whenever possible stay away from less populated areas such as alleys wooded areas, pathways, etc.
- Communicate! Always let a family member know where you are, where you are going; when you have arrived and when you are returning.
- Use ATMs that are used often. Go where other people are such as convenience stores at night time. Pay attention to those ATMs that are monitored by cameras and visible to passers by.
- When exercising outdoors, do not use headphones or radios which take away your ability to hear what is around you. Exercise with a partner. Select where you jog or walk carefully.



Neighborhood Watch News

Don't forget our second of four Neighborhood Watch training sessions in 2008! The March 13th training will be held in the roll call room at the Fair Oaks District Station at 7:00 p.m.. This is a great opportunity for the existing volunteers to take a refresher course as well as to train new comers. If there is a large group at any given time we may change the venue to the Sully District Station conference room. **Do not forget to R.S.V.P. to MPO Sophia Grinnan via e-mail.** The remaining training dates are June 12 and October 16.

It will be up to each community to provide participants. Only if you have participants should you contact MPO Grinnan via e-mail at sophia.grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Lack of participation will result in a cancellation. If the session is canceled, you will be notified by an automated response when you e-mail MPO Grinnan. For example: You e-mail and ask if the training will still be presented. After you send the e-mail you will get an automated reply indicating whether it is canceled.

During our February meeting National Night Out was discussed. In 2007 the Fairfax County Police Department received a National Award 2007 for your hard work and dedication during the 2007 festivities. Let's make 2008 just as fruitful. Let's begin thinking about ideas, contests and originality with your events! Unfortunately we will probably endure another hot and humid August day for the event; but things will change for 2009. In 2009 National Night Out will take place the second Tuesday in September!

Our next **Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25.** At that time we will discuss our meeting forum and frequency. We welcome your ideas! Please make an effort to come to this meeting as we discuss some potential changes and would like your input. We look forward to seeing you then. Our goal in 2008 is to expand the number of Watches and participation.



CAC NEWS



The next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Oaks District Station roll call room. Next month John Kapinos, Strategic Planner with the Chief's Office of Research and Support (CORS) will be our guest speaker. He will discuss the future of the Fairfax County Police Department. First Lt. Ed O'Carroll will be present to answer any questions and have discussion. The current forum of the CAC meeting will also be discussed at this time. Please try to make the meeting! We look forward to seeing you there!



2008 Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference

Saturday, March 15, 2008

**Marriott at Fair Oaks
11787 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax, Virginia
(703) 667-2103**

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) will host the 2008 Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference at the Marriott Fair Oaks Hotel on Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference is being held in conjunction with the VCPA's 30th Anniversary Statewide Crime Prevention Conference at the same location from Sunday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

The Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference will provide educational presentations and workshops on Gangs in Virginia, Neighborhood Watch in Underserved Communities, with updates on Neighborhood Watch in Virginia, the status of Neighborhood Watch across the United States and an overview of the Virginia Citizen Corps Program. Workshop topics will include: Watching Out for Children, Local Neighborhood Watch Success Stories, Recruiting and Maintaining Volunteers and Watching Out for Businesses.

The Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference is intended for local Neighborhood Watch volunteer leaders and participants and staff of the law enforcement agencies that support them. The registration fee for the conference is \$25 per person. Refreshment breaks and lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in attending the 30th Anniversary Crime Prevention Conference, please call the VCPA at (804) 231-3800 or email vaprevent@aol.com. You can find out more information about the conference at the VCPA website www.vcpa.org.

2008 Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference Registration

Registration Fee: \$25 per person, number of registrations: _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment

(VCPA Federal Tax ID Number - 510235271)

☐ Check (payable to VCPA) ☐ Purchase Order ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Holder: _____ Signature: _____

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2008 Virginia Neighborhood Watch Conference

Marriot at Fair Oaks Saturday, March 15, 2008

9:30 am - 9:45 am	Welcome and Introduction
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Status Report: Neighborhood Watch in Virginia Patrick Harris, VCPA Executive Director VCPA
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Amber Alert System David Diggs, Wireless Foundation
10:15 am - 10:40 am	Status Report: Neighborhood Watch in the United States National Sheriff's Association
10:40 am - 11:00 am	Virginia Citizen Corps Virginia Citizen Corps
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am - Noon	Neighborhood Watch in Under Served Communities Daniel Gilmore, Florida Office of the Attorney General
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm - 1: 45 pm	Gangs in Virginia Fairfax County Police Department
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Watching Out for Children National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
	Recruiting and Maintaining Volunteers International Association of Chiefs of Police
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Local Neighborhood Watch Success Stories Local Neighborhood Watch Leaders
	Watching Out for Businesses Prince William County Police Department

CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE



MEET AND GREET!



SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

You've got a Friend...

Meet and greet officers from all over Virginia!

*Visit with McGruff
Child Fingerprinting Offered
Crime Prevention Displays*

*See the Virginia State Police
H.E.A.T. Racecar, and
Different police vehicles from*

Where? Fairfax
Marriott at Fair Oaks
11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy
(next to the Fair Oaks Mall)

From 2p.m. until 5 p.m.

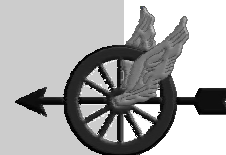
Equestrian/K-9 Officers

Motors Display

Seat belt Convincer

DWI Awareness Apparatuses

Child Train Rides





Dodge a Ticket...Did You Know?



§ 46.2-808.1. Use of crossovers on controlled access highways; penalty.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than an authorized vehicle to use or attempt to use any crossover posted for authorized vehicles only on any controlled access highway.

For the purposes of this section, "authorized vehicle" means (i) Department of Transportation vehicles, (ii) law-enforcement vehicles, (iii) emergency vehicles as defined in § 46.2-920, (iv) towing and recovery vehicles operating under the direction of law-enforcement officers, (v) vehicles for which permits authorizing use of such crossovers have been issued by the Department of Transportation, and (vi) other vehicles operating in medical emergency situations.

Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$250.

(1997, c. 881.)

§ 46.2-809.1. Regulation of residential cut-through traffic by Board.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board may develop a residential cut-through traffic policy and procedure for the control of residential cut-through traffic on designated secondary highways.

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For the purposes of this section, "residential cut-through traffic" means vehicular traffic passing through a residential area without stopping or without at least an origin or destination within the area.

The provisions of this section shall not apply in (i) cities, (ii) any town that maintains its own system of streets, and (iii) any county that owns, operates, and maintains its own system of highways.

(1995, c. 556.)

§ 46.2-833.1. Evasion of traffic control devices.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle to drive off the roadway and onto or across any public or private property in order to evade any stop sign, yield sign, traffic light, or other traffic control device.

(1993, c. 117.)

§ 46.2-810. Age limits for drivers of public passenger-carrying vehicles.

No person, whether licensed or not, under the age of eighteen years shall drive a motor vehicle while in use as a public passenger-carrying vehicle.

(Code 1950, § 46-182; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-170; 1970, c. 481; 1972, cc. 386, 823; 1989, c. 727.)

§ 46.2-823. Unlawful speed forfeits right-of-way.

The driver of any vehicle traveling at an unlawful speed shall forfeit any right-of-way which he might otherwise have under this article.

(Code 1950, § 46-238; 1952, c. 666; 1956, c. 533; 1958, c. 541, § 46.1-221; 1985, c. 218; 1989, c. 727.)



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Phone Numbers

Fairfax County Crime Solvers:
1-866-411-TIPS or 703-691-8888

Fairfax County Police
Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131

Citizen Reporting System
(for reports not requiring officer response)

703-691-2131 or online reporting:
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/public safety , police department.](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/public_safety_police_department)



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Recent Rise in Vehicle Tamperings

The County has seen a rise in tampering and thefts from vehicles in the past few months. Since January 1, 2008 the Fair Oaks District has had 195 reported incidents. These crimes are being committed in early evening hours as well as late night. They are also occurring throughout the week and on the week-ends.

Lt. Carson, Supervisor of the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, has redeployed his team to cover various hard-hit areas with evening and nighttime coverage. Some of these assignments are plain clothes and some are uniformed assignments. Locations of deployment will not be divulged in order to protect the integrity of the operation.

We would like to take this opportunity to revisit some basic crime prevention tips that may make your vehicle an unattractive target:

- Make your car boring. Do not leave visible, any items of interest (i.e.. coins, laptops, I-pods)
- Remove all after-market GPSs from vehicle; they are the item of preference for thieves
- When removing your GPS system, clean off the ring, the suction cup forms, from the inside of your windshield
- Keep your doors locked

It is incumbent on you to report any suspicious activity, persons or noises in your community. During this period community members should be extra vigilant in looking out, not only for their property, but for their neighbors' as well. If you hear your dog barking, check it out. If you see a vehicle that doesn't belong, let police investigate. **Call the non-emergency number (703-691-2131) to report it.**

Reporting incidents of crime can be done on-line (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs/>) or, again, by calling the non-emergency number. If you see a vehicle tampering in progress, dial 9-1-1.